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TO : Mr. [REDACTED]

DATE: 26 August 1955

FROM : Mr. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Locator Study

REF : Paragraph 2b of memorandum dated 28 Feb. 55 from the Director of Security, attached.

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1. Mr. [REDACTED] purpose for the above is based on a twofold reason as follows:

a. To discourage and preclude as feasible all after-hours calls for information on semi-covert personnel. In explanation, he feels that covert personnel are covert to other employees also i.e., as well as to outsiders.

b. To protect the Night Security Officers from making the same mistake which gave concern to the operators in the telephone room i.e., giving out information inadvertently on semi-covert personnel. (See last sentence of reference paragraph) Thus, he also feels a need for a regulatory provision as a safeguard to facilitate meeting demands from some Agency officials who are accustomed to making requests on a "Command" basis and whose voices are not known to the Night Security Officers; in short, also, to protect the Office of Security from a possible disclosure of information to an impersonator.

His attitude was firm on these two points. He suggested further that the lists of key officials could include names such as branch or section chiefs and, also, case officers as determined by the administrative office head.

2. Apparently, his whole viewpoint is motivated primarily by a desire to preclude after-hours calls entirely for information on semi-covert personnel. When I suggested that, normally, supervisors would know home telephone numbers and addresses of subordinates, he countered, "Then they won't have to call for information". That seems to be what he wants.

3. I explained our viewpoint that the limitation to key officials (1) seemed so unnecessary, (2) might tend to retard progress in some measure on certain phases of Agency business and (3) served as an obstacle to the completion of the study and got nowhere. Finally I suggested that sometimes it is better to

concur only on the main issue of a study which is intended to serve the interests of Agency and apply restrictions or changes afterwards, when feasible, as in this case. He felt it was necessary to include the provisions in the study in this case. Our discussion was conducted and ended in a pleasant manner.

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